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Convicted spy jeopardized key weapons systems, CIA reports

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. intelligence report says secret information passed by a defense industry radar engineer to a Polish spy involved such key American weapons systems as the B-1 and the revolutionary, radar-evading "Stealth" bombers.

Information in more than 20 highly classified reports probably reached Soviet intelligence and "put in jeopardy existing weapons and advanced future weapon systems of the United States and its allies," according to the account of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The report, prepared this month, provided the most specific material yet on information the CIA said was given by William H. Bell to a Polish intelligence agent over a three-year period.

Bell, a former radar project engineer with Hughes Aircraft Company, pleaded guilty last year in Los Angeles to charges that he transferred filmed copies of documents to Marion Zacharski, who posed as a Polish businessman.

ZACHARSKI, 29, WAS the president of the Polish American Machinery Co. (Polamco) in the Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village, where he had been under

Investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three years.

Bell was sentenced to up to eight years in prison and fined \$10,000. Zacharski drew a life term for conspiring to commit espionage.

According to the CIA report, the classified documents "of prime importance to the West" included information on:

- A quiet radar system for B-1 and Stealth bombers.
- The vital look-down, shoot-down radar system.
- An all-weather radar system for tanks.
- An experimental radar system for the U.S. Navy.
- The Phoenix air-to-air missile carried on Navy F-14 fighters.
- A ship-borne surveillance radar.
- A new air-to-air missile, the improved Hawk surface-to-air missile, a Patriot air defense missile, a NATO air defense system.
- A submarine sonar system.

"The acquisition of this information will save the Polish and Soviet governments hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development efforts by permitting them to implement proven designs developed by the United States and

by fielding operational counterpart systems in a much shorter time period," the CIA report said.

"SPECIFICATIONS ON current and future U.S. weapons systems will enable them to develop defensive countermeasure systems," the report added.

The Bell case was highlighted in the report which generally discussed the problem of Soviet acquisition of Western technology.

"The Soviets and their Warsaw pact allies have obtained vast amounts of militarily significant Western technology and equipment through legal and illegal means," the report said.

Intelligence officials said the report was prepared from information gathered by the entire U.S. intelligence community and was provided at the request of Congress in a declassified form.